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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique for OXCART Mission Number BX6710

1. Subject mission critique was conducted in the OSA Control Center commencing at 1430 hours, 25 July 1967. Appropriate OSA, OSI and [] participated.

2. Mission Data:

- a. Mission Number: BX6710
- b. Date Flown: 20 July 67
- c. Area of Operation: North Vietnam
- d. Mission Success: Successful
- e. Pilot Name: []
- f. Aircraft Number: 129
- g. Primary or Spare Flown: Primary
- h. Takeoff Time - Planned: 20/0230Z
Actual: 20/0232Z
- i. Landing Time - Planned: 20/0731Z
Actual: 20/0727Z
- j. Time Enroute - Planned: 5:01
Actual: 4:55
- k. Departure Base: Kadena
- l. Landing Base: Kadena
- m. Equipment: []

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3. Operations:

a. Route (INS plot vs planned): Satisfactory - within 1-2 miles of planned route throughout.

(1) INS Terminal Error: 4.5 NM

(2) INS Spec Error: 13.9 NM

b. Mission Generation & Operational Support: Satisfactory

c. Other Comments:

(1) Top off air refueling re-positioned 95 NM north of established position due weather. Refueling was completed at designated end A/R point.

(2) DTF recommends 10,000# minimum fuel reserve at this time for future missions.

4. Weather: Weather in top off refueling area deteriorated to unsatisfactory status.

a. Forecast vs Actual: Slightly worse than briefed.

b. Weather Scout Reporting: Satisfactory.

5. Intelligence:

a. Target Coverage:

(1) 28 of 48 North Vietnam COMOR targets covered.

(2) 80 SAM sites identified, 20 of which not covered on BX6709 (5 sites were occupied, 2 identified as new).

(3) 7 of 9 priority SSM targets in North Vietnam covered.

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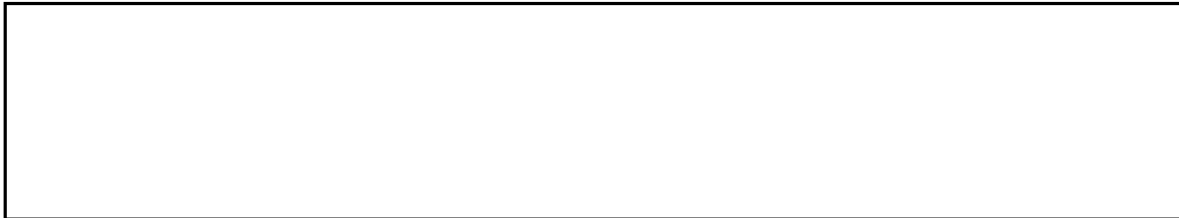
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b. Quality of Take:

(1) Resolution: One to one and one-half feet at NADIR. Some degradation due to haze.

(2) Camera Operation: Satisfactory, minor data chamber malfunction which did not present any significant problem.



d. Significant Findings:

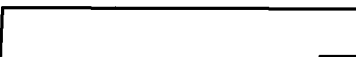
(1) Two SAM sites (#25 & #56) shown as unoccupied on Mission BX6709 (19 July 67) shown to be occupied on this mission (20 July 67).

(2) Analysis of Haiphong hampered by haze/obliquity.



e. Take Movement:

(1) Camera: Satisfactory.

(2) 

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6. Materiel:

a. Aircraft General: Satisfactory

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(1) FWD by pass door flight blinked on once during flight;
GRD checked OK and also OK on subsequent training flight.

b. Aircraft Systems: Satisfactory.

(1) TACAN failure occurred on recovery leg.

7. Communications:

a. Message Traffic: Satisfactory.

b. [] Satisfactory.

c. HF/UHF Communications: Satisfactory.

8. Significant Actions Taken:

a. Minimum fuel reserve established at 10,000# per Colonel
[] recommendation.

9. Outstanding Actions Required:

a. OSI/OEL to perform analysis of Sys VI take from this mission
on a priority basis.

b. OSI/OEL to present System VI analysis briefing as soon as
possible in coordination with Intelligence Division, OSA.

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